

### REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 35-41 remain pending in the present application. Claims 15-21 are canceled herein. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the remarks presented herein.

### Allowable Matter

Claims 1-7 and 35-41 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable material.

### 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15, 17 and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hartranft et al. (US 4,605,980, "Hartranft"). Applicants respectfully assert that the cancellation of Claims 15, 17 and 21 herein renders this rejection moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hartranft et al. (US 4,605,980, "Hartranft").

Applicants respectfully assert that the cancellation of Claims 16 and 18-20 herein renders this rejection moot.

## CONCLUSION


All claims remaining in the present application have been indicated as allowed. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit allowance of this application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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